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A DALLAS INDUSTRY

A Successful Manufacturing Plant That Produces The Goods.

The Observer representative had the pleasure of inspecting the plant of the Dallas Planing Mills and was surprised to learn that this concern does not confine itself to sash and doors, but is also manufacturing a fine grade of tables, chairs, electric light fixtures in wood, store and bank fixtures. One set of fixtures that we had the privilege of viewing in course of construction was that for H. A. Webster, consisting of wall cases, counters, tables and chairs, and we believe they will compare very favorably with those produced anywhere. The general manager, Mr. F. J. Chapman informed us that he will move his family from Salem to Dallas at the close of the school year, as at that time the move can be made without interrupting his son's studies.

Polk County may well congratulate itself on having such a progressive concern located in Dallas.

SMALL WOMAN IS DEAD

Sarah Carr, Inmate of State Institution.

Sarah Carr, perhaps the smallest woman in the state, died Saturday afternoon at the Oregon Insane Asylum aged 52 years. She was about four feet two inches tall and wore a baby ring on her forefinger. The remains were sent to Oregon City.

Miss Carr was committed to the state institution about seven months ago from Newberg where she had been living for some time with her brother.

She was conceded by medical specialists to be one of the smallest women in the world, and it is said that she was perfectly developed. She wore a four-year old child's glove, number six shoe and her head was not much larger than that of a six-year old child. Most of the time of this miniature woman was spent in embroidering, some of her undergarments being worth several hundred dollars. These were embroidered by hand several inches from the hem.

A Pioneer Gone.

Mrs. Julia A. Goodell died at her home in Rickreall Saturday, February 21st. She had been in failing health about four years.

The funeral services were held at the Rickreall church, Monday at 10:30 a. m., the Rev. C. P. Gates conducting the services, assisted by the Rev. M. J. Ballantyne. Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Willis Simonton and J. E. Miller composed the choir with Francis Simonton as organist. The pall bearers were R. Y. Morrison, H. C. Eakin, J. R. Allgood, Claude C. Dempsey, J. R. Sibley and George Bronson, nephews of deceased.

The church was filled with relatives and friends and many beautiful floral offerings were silent testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Julia A. Goodell was a daughter of Isaac and Nancy Dempsey. She was born in Knoxville, Illinois, March 7th, 1841. She crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1862, the family settling in Polk County, near Rickreall.

She was married to W. E. Goodell September 27th, 1864, and to this union were born three children, a daughter, Grace who died at the age of six years and two sons, Frank E. of Hanford, Washington, and Isaac W., living at the home place. Mrs. Goodell joined the Methodist Episcopal Church early in life and was a faithful and consistent member. She leaves to mourn her loss in addition to her husband and sons, two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Davidson of Tappanish, Washington and Mrs. D. O. Bronson of this city.

Mrs. Goodell was a woman of many estimable qualities, a faithful and devoted wife, loving mother, and kind neighbor and all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, will cherish her memory.

Burial took place in the Burch cemetery.

Bought Chehalis Mills.

Frank Baker of Monmouth, Oregon, has bought the half interest of S. E. Hambleton in the Chehalis Valley Mills and will move to Newberg with his family next month.—Newberg Enterprise.

MUCH IS LOST

Holding Hops Causes a Big Loss to Growers.

Oregon growers up to date have lost nearly \$500,000 on account of holding their hops. In the fall there was a ready market at 25 cents, and the holders of fully 30,000 bales refused to sell at this figure.

Ten thousand bales of these were sold out at an average of 21 cents, entailing a loss of \$80,000.

Six thousand bales more have not averaged to exceed 18 cents, making a loss of \$84,000, while there are 14,000 bales remaining in Oregon with 17c. as the top price, showing a loss of \$224,000, and a grand total of \$338,000.—Salem Journal.

NEWS OF COUNTY TOLD IN BRIEFS

Items of Interest In Country Districts Interestingly Told

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

AIRLIE

A. C. Guyer went to Monmouth Saturday, returning Sunday.

Everett Staats was an Independence visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Harrington of Dallas was in town Saturday.

Frank Birle and wife of Falls City visited her mother, Mrs. M. D. Rose. Tim Atwater of Montgomery district went to Monmouth Saturday.

J. C. Turner sold his house and lots to Shewey and will leave soon. C. S. Calkins who lives in the Montgomery neighborhood took out a four-horse load of fence wire Saturday.

Guy Pay's young horse threw him off here Saturday, no damage done as the ground was soft.

The clover looks good for this time of the year.

W. E. Williams is our newsboy here. He is selling daily papers.

We are having good train service now since the change was made.

Zelmer Williams who has been sick for some time is reported on the mend now.

Homer Link made a business trip to Independence the first of the week.

Our hiveryman has painted the front of his barn, which helps the looks of it very much.

T. C. Turner and wife made a business visit to Portland the first of the week.

Not an empty house here and three more families wanting houses.

There will be an educational meeting held here next Saturday. There will be noted speakers to give the lectures both morning and evening.

The Babcock tester that was installed last fall has been made good use of by the scholars.

Howard Bush made a business trip to Independence Saturday.

F. M. Shuek was a business caller in Monmouth Saturday.

BALLSTON

Norman Tufford was a Portland visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Gouche of McMinnville was called to see Mrs. H. S. Trudge Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Sears took her son Waldo to McMinnville to be operated on for adenoids Monday.

W. H. Hill of Philomath was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Wert, our primary teacher, visited relatives in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brooks visited relatives in Marion County the last of the week.

M. R. Van Horn, a former resident of Ballston died at his home in Portland Friday and was buried in the Mt. Scott cemetery Sunday. An obituary notice appeared in Sunday's Journal.

Mr. Lamm, our aged citizen, had a stroke of paralysis Monday.

T. J. Short was up from McMinnville Saturday.

Sam Morris left for Eastern Oregon Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Garret was called to

Sheridan Monday by the death of her niece, Helen Johnston.

Joe Davidson was a Portland visitor Sunday.

BUENA VISTA

F. P. Ground made a business trip to Monmouth Friday, bringing back with him a load of tile which he will use in draining a portion of his farm land.

The revival meetings are still in progress at the Evangelical Church and a great deal of interest is being taken.

Mrs. M. N. Prather, who has been quite ill at her home here is slowly improving.

The Domestic Art class of the high school, under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Richardson is making rapid progress and the girls are taking a great deal of interest in the work.

The members of the manual training department under the direction of J. W. Thomas are constructing their own laboratory fixtures, lockers, tool boxes, etc.

The students of the High school have recently petitioned the school board to have Professor R. G. Dykstra returned for the coming year. They are very appreciative of the good work he has been doing and hope for his return.

The Buena Vista Concert Brass Band under the leadership of Professor Tyler of Monmouth is making good headway and the boys are very much interested in the practice.

MONMOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Riggs of Crowley Station were the guests of Mrs. Riggs' mother last week.

W. Ireland of Corvallis was in town Saturday looking hale and hearty. He formerly lived near Monmouth.

G. H. Stone of Portland, formerly proprietor of the flour mill here, was in town Monday looking after his interests.

George Carmiele and wife returned home from Portland Sunday.

Robert and Oliver Chase of Dallas made a business trip to Monmouth Tuesday and reported their father, who is in the hospital there, no better.

W. J. Mulkey is out on our streets once more, having been imprisoned at his home by small pox quarantine, for twenty days, looking none the worse. He did not have the disease.

Small pox is a thing of the past. No more new cases and everyone is about recovered. There are some that it hurt to be quarantined, because they could not get to bore anyone.

The Evangelical people have got the concrete foundation for the new parsonage finished and as soon as the weather will permit, the building will be proceeded with.

Last Monday night and Tuesday was the hardest rains we have had, but by Wednesday morning, the rain had ceased and the waters began to subside.

The work of the Normal gym. is still moving along.

The doctors in town are having a rest, as there is no sickness.

The grain in and around Monmouth is looking fine and the prospects for a bumper crop are good, and the farmers are feeling pretty good.

Against Road Bonds

We, as citizens of Monmouth as a rule are opposed to bonding the County for \$279,000, or any amount to build roads for joy riders, but we are in favor of good roads as outlined by our county court, and that is by taxation. Under the present system we have our city bonded and the school districts bonded and that is enough for the capitalists to control.

Grant Wolverton of Calgary, N. W. T., is the guest of his brother, O. A. Wolverton. He reports a good winter in that part of Canada.

MONMOUTH NORMAL NOTES

Mr. Gilmore represented the faculty in a chapel talk February 13th. He gave an illustrated lecture on "The Fly That Doesn't Clean His Feet." Mr. Gilmore's talk was clear and interesting and when he had finished we were convinced that the crusade for the extermination of the fly is a good movement.

Mr. Seymour County Superintendent of Polk County, talked during chapel period Friday, the 20th. He talked on the subject of "Home Credits." Mr. Seymour told of many ways in which the credits could be earned and of the interest the chil-

dren were taking in their work at home.

The Capital Business College basketball team of Salem played the O. N. G. basketball team Saturday evening, February 21st. The score was 30 to 14 in the Normal boys' favor. Both teams did excellent work and fast playing.

The history department of the Oregon Normal School, under the direction of Mr. Butler gave a short program during chapel period, Monday morning, February 23rd. They opened the program with a patriotic hymn by the class. Miss Emmel gave a reading from one of Webster's speeches. They then enacted the story of the first flag at the close of which the school was asked to join them in singing Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean. Their program was carried out nicely.

The opening of the new gymnasium is to be next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The gymnasium classes, under the direction of Miss Taylor are to act out Cinderella. In addition to this there will be folk dancing, fancy marching, and club swinging. A large crowd is expected to attend the opening exercises of the new gymnasium.

OAK GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Dean's daughter and family of Salem came on the car to McNary and walked out to give their folks a surprise Friday evening.

Mr. Dean borrowed Steven's horse and buggy and drove them to Greenwood Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bennett's daughter of Salem, spent Sunday with him.

Texella and Marandy White spent last Tuesday at Mrs. John Shaffers. Thad Stevens went to Rickreall last Wednesday on business. His wife and son Allen accompanied him as far as Miss Seth White's to spend the day. He returned in time for dinner and spent the afternoon with Seth White.

Dean's sons are grubbing a strip about 50 feet wide through the Linehard place in payment for their rent this summer.

The Huntley boys and chums went home Wednesday to get sufficient tools to work with and have not showed up again at this writing.

George Smith spent Saturday afternoon at Steven's.

Verda Williamson visited our Sunday school and church Sunday.

The pastor announced that there would be no church services here Sunday, March 8th on account of quarterly meeting at Summit and invited all Oak Grove up to the meeting and dinner.

Mrs. Schuelkie and daughter were in Rickreall last Wednesday.

Fred Coates and brother-in-law were out from Salem and took their coat and other belongings off the old place last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson went to Rickreall Sunday to take a temperance lecture down. Some in this neighborhood believe he is not a temperance, but a campaign lecturer. In his lecture here (that was good indeed) he seemed for temperance and next day as a party man. One man here subscribed \$5 per month for 2 years as he thought for the temperance cause and it is for the Prohibition Party and he is a Republican and another signed for 50c. a month for 2 years, \$2 dollars in cash and he is not a prohibitionist either, but says he's going to investigate before he pays more. We hope he is a true man, but some here have a very poor opinion of him, the lecturer we mean.

Roy Gilbert took some oats the first of the week over to Hollenstainer's to get them chopped for his new horse.

Mr. A. V. Oliver's nephew and family of Portland made him a visit of several days and helped him dig a well.

Helen Lewis was unable to be at school last week.

Mrs. Stevens was very ill Friday and Saturday and is still on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. Walter Pugh's daughter Katherine went to Salem Friday evening to have some dentist work for the latter, returning Saturday evening.

Hollenstainer and Gilbert last week got over a quart apiece of kale seed from Thad Stevens. Gilbert will send his to his folks below Salem.

Thad Stevens has plenty of pure cider vinegar and kale seed for those desiring same.

OAK DALE

(Received too late for last issue)

There was a school rally at the school house last Friday. The school was standardized, Superintendent Seymour and Hon. George Myers were present. The school room was in its usual neat condition and was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and ferns.

The program consisted of songs, recitations, and the dialogues "No Peddlers Wanted," "The Assessor," and "Seeing The Animals."

There were discussions of various school questions which were instructive and interesting to all present.

Born February 16th to Mr. and Mrs. James Hubbard, a ten pound son.

Melvin Green is on the mend and says he has a big appetite.

Carl Sellers of Dallas has been working for his brother Clarence.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sellers attended a dance at Walter Birds, at Liberty, Saturday night.

Thos. Butler is setting out prune and peach trees.

Mrs. Roy McDonald was visited by her brother, Ballentyne Brown over Sunday. His home is in Eugene, but at present he is in Portland on the U. S. Grand Jury.

Roy Johnson who has been cutting wood for C. J. Bruce has been seriously ill at his home near Monmouth. L. Moffit has been having a siege of La Grippe.

Chas. Bird and John Dennis have been spraying the apple orchards at "Bonnie Brae."

RICKREALL

Mr. and Mrs. S. Orr came up from Portland Friday to spend a few days.

Mrs. W. E. Goodell died Saturday morning after a lingering illness. She was buried Monday in the Burch cemetery. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hodge of Jefferson came down to see Wm. Cadle, who is very ill. He is reported as no better.

Blain Southwick of Pop Corn was calling on friends Sunday.

Frank Goodell came down from Washington to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Goodell.

Pauline Nesmith of Portland came in Sunday returning same day.

Visiting Masons.

Quite a number of masons came over from Salem and Dallas to attend the masons' lodge here Saturday night. Hon. C. N. McArthur of Portland and Dr. Dunsmore of Independence gave them a fine talk. Light refreshments were served at a late hour, much enjoyed by all.

Forest Craven came home from Ballston Monday where he has been working in the store for Peter Cook and will assist Lucas & Price to invoice the stock at the Burch store, which they expect to take charge of.

Mark Burch was in Portland several days last week.

Lee Burch is building his bungalow on the property purchased from Forest Craven and will soon have it completed.

Mr. Begun's father of Lafayette is visiting him this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch were in Dallas shopping last week.

Miss Nancy Kinsey came down from Independence to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. E. Goodell.

A. R. Cadle of the firm of Cadle Brothers, was in Portland last week on business.

Dr. Halle Petes of Portland came up to see Mr. Cadle and returned the same day.

Peter Cook was in Ballston looking after his store Tuesday.

The stork left a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Walcott last Wednesday, February 18. All doing well but grandpa Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook expect to move to Ballston soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fetzer were down Sunday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook.

The old gentleman Munson fell and broke his leg Saturday. He is resting easy at this writing.

Dramatic Club Meets.

At the first meeting of the local talent Dramatic Club held last Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Harry H. Volheim, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Harry H. Volheim; Business Manager, Fred B. West; Stage Director, Mrs. Francis Simonton. The club expects to enlarge its membership and stage

the first play, one for the benefit of the library in about one month. After the business meeting, refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Of Interest to Cherry Growers.

Mr. D. D. Peters was in town Saturday and made the Observer a visit. Mr. Peters is an extensive fruit grower and claims to have found a simple remedy for the disease, "Gummosis" which is very prevalent on cherry trees. He claims that by simply slashing the bark around the spot afflicted, that the tree will throw sap to the spot and the tree will invariably recover. Mr. Peters reports that he will put in about 25 acres of alfalfa this year as an experiment.

DALLAS KIDS AS HIKERS

Regardless of the Mud They Return to State Training School.

The Salem Statesman in Wednesday's issue says:

Presenting a sorry and bedraggled appearance, Earnest Minty, aged 13, of Dallas, a former inmate of the State Training School, appeared at that institution leading his little brother, Richard, aged eight, a few days ago, and asked to be taken back again. They had made the entire journey from Dallas on foot and were covered with mud and soaked to the skin.

Earnest Minty was sent to the training school about eighteen months ago for playing truant from school. Superintendent Hale found him to be well behaved while there and he was paroled about six months ago.

Return to Place.

The boy had told his little brother of the school where he had been and a few days ago they decided to return together to the place. It was a long journey through the muddy roads and they had nothing to eat, but nevertheless they tirelessly plodded on and at last reached their destination, tired out but triumphant.

Holding the hand of his little brother, young Earnest Minty placed himself before Superintendent Hale and asked that they might be taken into the school. Looking down into the two pairs of earnest young eyes the superintendent found it hard to refuse in spite of the fact that ordinarily he would have to do so because one of the boys had never been committed to the school and the other had been paroled.

The superintendent immediately communicated with the lads' parents in Dallas but no reply has been received. Meanwhile the boys are enjoying life at the institution.

COURT NOTES

Probate Notes.

In re-estate, Mary E. Suarts, deceased, bond with A. W. Dunn, and Ed. C. Dunn as sureties approved, letter issued and H. H. Belt, Sue E. Stedman and Ralph Miller, appointed appraisers.

In re-guardianship of Mildred M. Wavis et al, bond of Wm. Davis approved, order to pay money over to guardian.

Marriage Certificates.

Frank J. McGee of Airline, age 42 to Violet E. Kemp of Independence, age 30, February 21st.

James Wright, age 33 to Della L. Hwekabay of Airline, age 33, February 21st.

Rexford Warren, age 23 to Estella L. Sutton of Independence, age 22, February 26th.

Commissioners' Meeting.

The roads and highways total allowed at last Commissioners' meeting, was \$2,993.25. Other claims allowed were \$2,743.38, making a total of \$4,836.63.

A Surprise Party.

A birthday surprise party was given at the home of Jacob Fast in Dallas, Monday evening in honor of his 43rd birthday. The evening was made very pleasant by music and the time spent enjoyably during the serving of refreshments. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. John Goossen, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. Corn Steingart, Misses Golda Fast, Marie Friesen, Susie Braun, Bertha and Alvina Fast, Masters J. S. Friesen, D. H. Rempel, Ben Friesen and William Fast.

A DASTARDLY CRIME

Mrs. Sydney Johnson Shot in San Francisco While on Wedding Trip. Groom Well Known in Dallas.

In last Friday's Observer, mention was made of the marriage of Sydney Lee Johnson, a son of W. Wynn Johnson, who until a few weeks ago lived near Dallas, to a prominent young lady of Tacoma. The happy couple went to San Francisco on their bridal tour and word was received here Wednesday that the bride of only a few days was cruelly shot down by Abraham Pepper, a former suitor of Mrs. Johnson.

Pepper formerly resided at Tacoma, and went to San Francisco a short time ago to avoid meeting the newly married couple.

The San Francisco papers state that Pepper called up Mrs. Johnson over the telephone and said he wished to see her on an important matter. She consented to see him, Mrs. Johnson notified Pepper, however, that the conference must be brief and she would see him in the hallway of the Sutter hotel.

Pepper flattened himself against the wall beside the door of the room occupied by Johnson and his wife. As she emerged from the room, clad in a dressing gown and felt slippers, Pepper drew a revolver. He pressed the revolver against the back of her head and fired. To make sure of accomplishing his purpose, Pepper stooped and fired another shot into the prostrate body. Then he sent a bullet into his right temple, just above the ear.

Johnson ran from the room with the first shot and reached his wife's side just after Pepper fired the bullet into his own head. Late reports indicate that the assassin will recover.

DALLAS CHURCH NOTES

MEETINGS HELD AND TO BE HELD

Copy for coming Sunday service must reach this office not later than Thursday morning.